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Haslemere Urban District Council

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Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the work of the Public Health Department for the year 1967, prepared in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular No. 1/68.

I am happy to report that once again the health of the district has remained good

The estimated population again shows an increase and is now nearing 13,500. Ten years ago the figure was just short of 12,000.

Births and Deaths

The number of live births in 1967 was 174, 9 more than last year. The birth rate of 15.04 per 1,000 of the estimated population is however, well below the national figure of 17.2.

The number of deaths was 229, 47 more than last year. The death rate of 12.09 per 1,000 of the estimated population exceeded for the first time in ten years, the national figure of 11.2 for 1967.

The composition of the population in Haslemere is reflected in these two rates.

Once again the chief causes of death were diseases of the heart and arteries, and malignant diseases.

An increase from last year's figure of 18 in the first group and 25 in the latter, accounts for 43 of the 47 extra deaths.

Deaths from cancer of the lung were two less than last year.

Over the past ten years there has been an increase of 2.4 per 1,000 deaths from diseases of the heart and arteries and of 1.1 per 1,000 of diseases from malignant disease.

Infectious Diseases

Apart from Measles the incidence of notified infectious diseases was remarkably low. A programme designed to control Measles by vaccination is being developed at the moment and immunisation against this disease should become a routine procedure in the near future.

One adult contracted Paratyphoid Fever whilst on holiday in Eastern Europe. The individual concerned was isolated, no further cases developed, and the patient made a good recovery.

Experience shows that it is well worth while being inoculated against Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers before going abroad.

As the incidence of notifiable infectious disease falls, so more attention is being paid to the less obvious infections such as Brucellosis, which manifests itself as Glandular Fever in man.

This illness is usually contracted by drinking raw cows milk which has been infected with Brucella organisms.

Raw milk is only consumed in any quantity from one of the five farms in the district.

Samples of this milk have been tested regularly during the year and no evidence of Brucella infection has been found.

Swimming Pools

During the summer regular sampling at the County Council's school swimming baths brought to light a defect in the filtration arrangements at the Beacon Hill School pool. Tests carried out by this department showed that the new nylon filtration bags were far less efficient than the old canvas bags which had gone out of production.

The matter was referred to the manufacturers who have now produced a new type of bag made of twill. So far these new bags appear to be functioning satisfactorily.

In conclusion I should like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their interest and encouragement during the year.

My thanks also go to Dr. Fox Russell, Mr. Prue and the other members of the Health Department for their loyal support at all times.

I have the honour to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

A. H. M. RICHARDS.

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

SUMMARY

	1966	**1967**
Area in Acres	5,751	**5,751**
Estimated resident population in June (estimate supplied by the Registrar-General)	13,340	**13,450**
Number of Inhabited Houses at 31st March, 1968 according to Rate Books (including shop dwellings)	4,239	**4,273**
Rateable Value as at 31st March, 1968	£727,584	**£744,071**
A sum represented by a Penny Rate (estimated)	£2,905	**£2,967**
Number of Births (legitimate and illegitimate)	165	**174**
Birth-Rate (actual) per 1,000 of the population	12.44	**12.94**
Birth-Rate (after correction by the Registrar-General's Comparibility Factor)	14.43	**15.04**
Number of Still Births	Nil	**1**
Number of Deaths	182	**229**
Death-Rate (actual) per 1,000 of the population	13.64	**17.03**
Death-Rate (after correction by the Registrar-General's Comparibility Factor)	9.55	**12.09**
Natural increase of population during year by excess of births over deaths	-17	**-55**
Number of Deaths of Infants (under the age of one year)	5	**2**
Infant Mortality per 1,000 live births	30.30	**11.50**
Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, child-birth	Nil	**Nil**
Death-rates per 1,000 of the population from:—		
Influenza	0.00	**0.075**
Pneumonia (all forms)	0.60	**1.72**
Bronchitis	0.37	**0.53**
The seven principal zymotic diseases: Smallpox; Whooping Cough; Measles; Gastritis; Enteritis and Diarrhoea; Diphtheria; Scarlet Fever and 'Fever' (Typhoid, Enteric and Typhus). ...	0.15	**0.15**
All forms of Tuberculosis	0.00	**0.00**
Cancer	2.33	**3.65**
Heart Disease	4.19	**5.42**

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births:

Number	174
Rate per 1,000 population (actual)	12.94
(comparable)	15.04
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births ...	5.19
Still Births:	
Number	1
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	5.71
Total Live and Still Births	175
Infant Deaths (under one year)	2
Mortality Rates:	
Infant (deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births):	
Total	11.50
Legitimate only	11.50
Illegitimate	0.00
Neo-natal (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	10.42
Early Neo-natal (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	10.42
Perinatal (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	17.14
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	
Number of deaths	NIL

COMPARATIVE BIRTH AND DEATH RATES

The following Table shows the birth and death rates per 1,000 of the population for the District, and for England and Wales, for 1966 and 1967.

	Annual Rates per 1,000 of the population				Infantile Mortality per 1,000 live births		Maternal Deaths (including Abortion) per 1,000 total (live and still) Births	
	Birth-Rate		Death-Rate					
	1966	**1967**	1966	**1967**	1966	**1967**	1966	**1967**
Haslemere U.D. Crude	12.44	**12.94**	13.64	**17.03**	30.30	**10.42**	0.00	**0.00**
Comp.	14.43	**15.04**	9.55	**12.09**	——	——	—	—
England and Wales	17.70	**17.20**	11.70	**11.20**	19.00	**18.30**	0.26	**0.20**

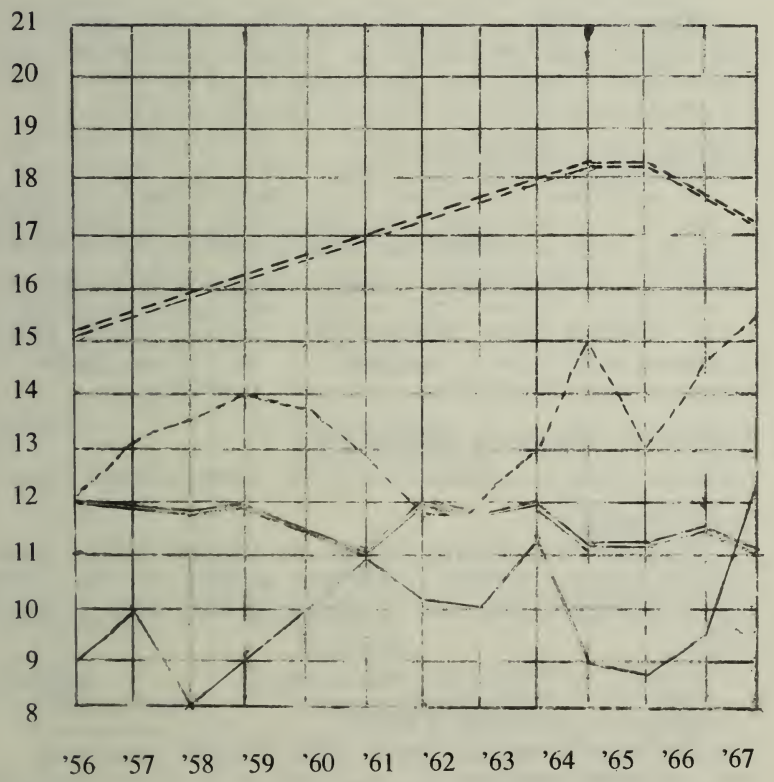
CAUSES OF DEATH (ALL AGES), 1967

(Figures supplied by the Registrar-General)

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis, respiratory	—	—	—
Tuberculosis, other	—	—	—
Syphilitic disease	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—
Meningococcal infections	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis		—	—
Measles	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic disease	—	—	—
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	1	4
,, ,, lung, bronchus	3	3	6
,, ,, breast	—	6	6
,, ,, uterus	—	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	16	16	32
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	—	2	2
Diabetes	—	1	1
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	13	15	28
Coronary disease, angina	23	23	46
Hypertension with heart disease	—	2	2
Other heart disease	5	18	23
Other curculatory disease	4	10	14
Influenza	1	—	1
Pneumonia	6	17	23
Bronchitis	7	—	7
Other disease of respiratory system ...	—	1	1
Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum ...	1	—	1
Gastritis, enteritis, diarrhoea	1	1	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	—	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	—	—	—
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...	—	—	—
Congenital malformation	1	—	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7	15	22
Motor vehicle accidents	1	—	1
All other accidents	3	1	4
Suicide	—	—	—
Homicide and operations of war ...	—	—	—
Totals	96	133	229

GRAPH SHOWING BIRTH AND DEATH RATES PER 1,000 OF THE POPULATION.

	Haslemere U.D. (Corrected by the Registrar-General's Comparability Factor).	England and Wales
Births	— — — — —	═══
Deaths	———	═══



GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Laboratory examinations are carried out at the Guildford Public Health Laboratory and at the Group Hospital Laboratory at King George V Hospital for Chest Diseases. The Guildford Laboratory sends copies of reports on all specimens examined for infectious organisms to the Public Health Department as well as to the private doctor or hospital concerned. Examinations carried out at the Guildford Laboratory during the year were:—

Milk and allied samples	98
Water (swimming pool)	36
Specimens of faeces	58

Water Analysis. — The Counties Public Health Laboratories, Gray's Inn Road, London W.C.1., undertake the routine examination (both chemical and bacteriological) of samples of water. The number examined by them during 1967 was 20.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

An ambulance sub-station of the Surrey County Ambulance Service is situated in the Urban District at Grayswood Road, Haslemere. This sub-station has three ambulances, a sitting case vehicle and a handicapped persons vehicle available. All calls for ambulances are now made to the Control Station at Walton Lodge, Brighton Road, Banstead (Tel. Borough Heath 53491). Haslemere sub-station is connected to the Control Station by teleprinter and the ambulances are radio controlled.

PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

These services are administered by the Surrey County Council.

District Nurses

There were two District Nurses, one Queen's District Nurse/Midwife and one Nursing Auxilliary working in the Urban District throughout this year. A record of their work is set out below:—

Number of cases	363
Number of visits	8086
Number of deliveries at home	3
Number of early discharges from deliveries in hospital	29
Number of midwifery visits	241

The two District Nurses based on Churt and Thursley also visit cases within the Urban District.

Home deliveries are now minimal, but visits to elderly patients continue to increase. This is the usual pattern in this part of the country.

Health Visitors

Two Health Visitors serve this area and are based on Quedley Clinic.

Both work in close co-operation with the General Practioners and one is officially attached to two of the local practices.

Home Help Services

The Divisional Home Help Supervisor is based at Guildford but she has a detailed knowledge of the families in need of help throughout the South Western Division of the County.

The demand for Home Helps comes mainly from families where the mother is suddenly incapacitated and from elderly people who can no longer look after themselves properly.

The staff available in the South West Division at the end of the year were 113. Of these 5 were resident in Haslemere.

The demand nearly always exceeds the supply and the Home Helps may have to work in any part of the area as the need arises.

Also run in connection with the Home Help Service is the Neighbourly Help Service, by which a neighbour can be recruited to take the place of a Home Help. In 1967, 75 neighbours were employed in the Division.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

Maternity and Child Welfare. — Centres within the District are as set out below:—

Centre	Address	Days of Centre
Haslemere	Quedley, Vicarage Lane, Haslemere	1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays—2-4 p.m. Speech Therapy Deaf Teacher Eye, Dental and Cytology by appointment only.
Haslemere Hall	Bridge Road, Haslemere.	4th Tuesdays—2-4 p.m.
Hindhead (Beacon Hill)	Congregational Church Rooms, Hindhead	Every Friday 2-4 p.m.

Ante-natal Clinic. — Held at St. Georges Wood, (Haslemere Hospital) on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 2 p.m. and Thursdays only 10.45 a.m.—12 noon.

Chest Clinics:

Dispensary	Address	Day and Time of Attendance
Haslemere	Haslemere Hospital	Alternate Fridays — p.m.
Guildford	Tower House, Epsom Road, Guildford	Mondays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays, 9.30 to 12 noon Fridays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Milford Chest Clinic	Milford	1st and 3rd Fridays, 1.45 p.m. 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays, 2.45 p.m.

Venereal Disease Clinic. — A Clinic is held at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford as follows:—

Females	**Males**
Mondays 3-4.30 p.m.	Mondays 5-6.30 p.m.
Fridays 3-4.30 p.m.	Fridays 5-6.30 p.m.

Family Planning — The clinic at Quedley, Vicarage Lane, Haslemere is held on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays from 6.30 p.m. and on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 2 p.m., by appointment—Telephone Haslemere 4557. A certain number of Cervical Cytology smears are taken from patients attending this clinic.

The clinic at St. Luke's Hospital, Guildford is held every Monday and Friday 5-8 p.m. and the clinic at Buryfields, Guildford is every Thursday afternoon and 2nd and 4th Monday afternoons. Both these clinics are by appointment only.

Cervical Cytology Clinics:—

Buryfields Clinic, Guildford — Thursday mornings.
Stoughton Clinic, Guildford — Wednesday mornings.

HOSPITALS

The hospitals serving the Haslemere Urban District are :—

General :

Haslemere and District Hospital, Haslemere, 68 beds, 16 maternity beds.
Green Lane Hospital, Farnham, 40 chronic sick beds.
Holy Cross Hospital, Haslemere, 117 beds. (A certain number contracted for by the Guildford Group Hospital Management Committee).

Infectious Disease :

Green Lane Hospital, Farnham, 24 beds.

Chest Diseases :

Milford Chest Hospital, near Godalming, 210 beds.
(available at present)

MORTUARIES

The arrangements for reception of bodies at Milford Chest Hospital mortuary continues satisfactorily. 34 bodies were sent there during 1967.

BURIAL OF THE DEAD. — SECTION 50, NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

One burial was arranged under this section during 1967.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 SECTION 47, CARE OF THE AGED.

No action was necessary under Section 47.

CHIROPODY SERVICE

A Chiropody Service for elderly people is run by the Surrey Association for the Elderly. The Headquarters of the Association are at Kingston and the Telephone number is Kingston 6891.

HEALTH PROPAGANDA

Handbills and posters were distributed to catering establishments and shops to encourage the practice of good habits in hygiene.

Health education programmes arranged by the County Council were carried out through clinics and schools .

PREVALANCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

INFECTIOUS DISEASE, 1967, AGE INCIDENCE
(Other than tuberculosis)

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE	At all Ages	At Ages—Years				
		1-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 +
Measles	268	129	124	13	2	—
Acute Primary Pneumonia	1	—	—	—	—	1
Paratyphoid B	1	—	—	—	—	1
Sonne Dysentery	7	3	4	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	5	—	5	—	—	—
	282	132	133	13	2	2

TUBERCULOSIS

The number of cases on our Tuberculosis Register at the end of 1967 was 26 male and 17 female and the following Table summarises the register as at 31st December for the last twelve years:—

Year	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total No. on Register at 31st December
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
1956	22	28	4	5	59
1957	23	26	4	4	57
1958	22	22	3	4	51
1959	23	23	4	3	53
1960	27	24	2	1	54
1961	29	22	—	1	52
1962	28	23	—	2	53
1963	29	23	—	2	54
1964	30	13	—	2	45
1965	30	13	—	3	46
1966	27	12	—	3	42
1967	**26**	**13**	—	**4**	**43**

The following Table shows the notification and deaths in the District, with the corresponding rates per 1,000 of the population, during the last twelve years:—

Year	Cases Notified		Notification Rate (New Cases)	Deaths	Death-Rate per 1,000 of the Population
	Trans-in	New Cases			
1956	4	3	0.25	0	0.00
1957	5	1	0.08	0	0.00
1958	1	2	0.16	0	0.00
1959	4	7	0.57	0	0.00
1960	10	4	0.33	1	0.08
1961	4	4	0.31	0	0.00
1962	1	6	0.46	0	0.00
1963	3	3	0.23	1	0.07
1964	3	—	0.00	0	0.00
1965	2	2	0.30	0	0.00
1966	—	—	0.00	1	0.07
1967	**3**	**1**	**0.07**	**1***	**0.07**

*Tuberculosis was not the primary cause of death.

The one new case notified was female, aged 38, non-pulmonary.

B.C.G. Vaccination — This is available through the County School Health Services to school children of 13 and upwards and also to students at universities, colleges, etc. There are three private schools and Woolmer Hill County Secondary School concerned.

During 1967, 140 children received the vaccination.

Mass X-Ray — During the year the South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board revised their weekly programme of visits of their mobile unit as from the 1st September. Under the revised programme the unit no longer makes regular visits to Haslemere but periodic visits, well publicised in advance, will be made.

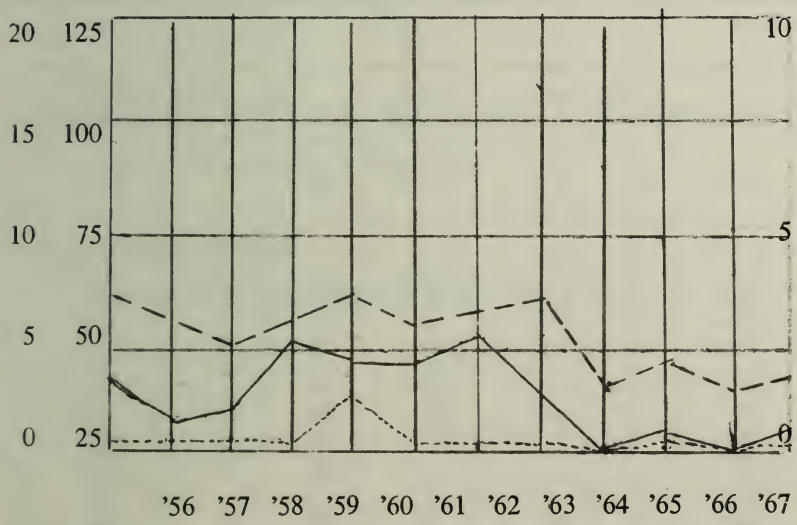
For the period of the year up to the last of the regular visits of the unit 566 patients were x-rayed.

GRAPH SHOWING THE ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS

Notifications of Tuberculosis (0 to 20) ... ... ————————

Deaths from Tuberculosis **(0 to 10)** ... ...
(excluding deaths of tuberculosis patients from other diseases).

Numbers on Register of notified cases **(25 to 125)** - - - - - - -



CANCER

The Table below shows the deaths from cancer during the year, compared with those for 1966.

DEATHS FROM CANCER

	Age 1—		15—		25—		35—		45—		55—		65—		75+		Totals		Grand Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	1966	1967
Alimentary Canal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	3	1	2	4
Breast	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	2	—	1	—	6	5	6
Lung	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	1	—	1	—	3	3	8	6
Uterus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1
Other	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	4	—	2	6	9	7	16	16	16	32
1966	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	6	4	4	6	3	4	14	17	31	—
1967	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	5	6	6	9	10	8	22	27	—	49

Year	Deaths from Lung Cancer			Total Cancer Deaths		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
1956	4	1	5	16	12	28
1957	1	—	1	12	21	33
1958	3	1	4	16	13	29
1959	6	—	6	13	16	29
1960	5	2	7	20	19	39
1961	11	3	14	20	21	41
1962	9	2	11	20	17	37
1963	7	1	8	23	9	32
1964	7	1	8	24	14	38
1965	6	1	7	20	19	39
1966	7	1	8	14	17	31
1967	**3**	**3**	**6**	**22**	**27**	**49**

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

During 1967 there was a change in the administration of the scheme for vaccination and immunisation of infants and school children.

The records of all immunisations and vaccinations carried out by family doctors and by the doctors working for the County Council are now held at County Council Divisional Offices in bulk and are no longer broken down to District Council level.

Initial protection is given against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis and Smallpox in infancy and booster doses are given during school life against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis.

Protection is also given against Tuberculosis from the age of 13 years upwards.

A scheme for immunisation against Measles has started and is about to be developed as a routine procedure in the near future.

As judged from the school returns made at ages 5 and 10, the level of protection against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis remains good in the South Western Division of Surrey.

DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS, SMALLPOX & POLIOMYELITIS

There were no cases in the district.

WHOOPING COUGH

There were 5 cases reported during the year.

WATER SUPPLIES

The District is supplied partly by the West Surrey Water Board and partly by the Wey Valley Water Company.

The quality of the water supply is checked by us independently and frequently in accordance with the routine established during the years.

The fluoride content is less than 0.1 p.p.m. from all sources.

The pH value of the water is checked regularly throughout the year.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The two sewage disposal works in the Urban District continued to operate satisfactorily and the effluent conformed with the Thames Conservancy requirements.

Consultations continued with the Ministry and the Council's consultants regarding the modernisation of the Shottermill Sewage Works.

REFUSE COLLECTION

A weekly rear collection of refuse is provided in all parts of the district.

All refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

This service provides a free monthly emptying of cesspools in unsewered areas, and is administered by the Council's Surveyor.

SWIMMING POOLS

Regular sampling for bacterial purity and chlorine estimation was carried out at four Surrey County Council Schools. Sampling was also carried out at the Greater London Council Rural Centre and at five private school swimming pools.

SMOKE AND NOISE ABATEMENT

A small number of complaints were received, all of which were dealt with informally.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

No cases of infestation by bed bugs came to our notice during 1967.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no such premises in the Haslemere Urban District.

MILK SUPPLY

Details of milk supplies are given in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

The Public Health Department acts as agents for the County Council for inspections and sampling milk under the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1963/65.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

This Act is administered by the Surrey County Council, and I am indebted to the County Medical Officer of Health for the information in the Table below showing the number of samples analysed in respect of this District during the year.

Articles	Analysed			Adulterated or Irregular		
	Formal	Informal	Total	Formal	Informal	Total
FOOD						
Bacon & mushrooms, tinned	—	1	1	—	—	—
Bread	1	1	2	—	—	—
Breakfast cereal	—	1	1	—	—	—
Confectionery, flour	—	1	1	—	—	—
Confectionery, sugar	—	1	1	—	—	—
Cornish Pasty	—	1	1	—	—	—
Marmalade	—	1	1	—	—	—
Milk	38	1	39	1	—	1
Pie filling, fruit	—	1	1	—	—	—
Tea	—	1	1	—	—	—
Yoghurt	—	1	1	—	1	1
	39	11	50	1	1	2

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Details of work carried out under these Regulations are given in the appended Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

LIQUID EGG (PASTEURISATION) REGULATIONS, 1963

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in this District and no samples of liquid egg have been submitted to the Alpha-Amylase test.

THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S

ANNUAL REPORT, 1967.

Council Offices,
Museum Hill,
Haslemere,
Surrey.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting my report on the work carried out during 1967.

With regard to housing a further two properties were considered to be incapable of being made fit for human habitation at reasonable cost and were condemned; four other properties which were subject to undertakings were vacated. Three other condemned houses, vacant with undertakings, were repaired and modernised.

There were no applications for certificates of disrepair.

Under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 registrations at the end of the year showed a slight increase over the previous year. Nearly all premises have now received a general inspection, the few remaining are mostly those which are visited regularly under other legislation and are therefore known to comply substantially with the Act, although no detailed inspection has yet been made. During inspections it has been found that the majority meet the main requirements and only fail on points of detail. Most owners and occupiers are willing to comply readily with the Act and it has not been necessary to resort to legal action of any kind.

Sampling of milk (on behalf of the County Council), water supplies and County Council and private school swimming pools was again undertaken.

Inspections and visits resulted in a number of improvements to food shops and catering establishments. No difficulty has been experienced in maintaining the 100% inspection of meat at the slaughterhouse as required by The Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations, 1966.

I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their support during the year. My thanks also to the Officers of the Council for their assistance and to the staff of the Department for their good work during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. PRUE.

Chief Public Health Inspector.

August, 1968.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The number of inspections of premises and visits made in respect of the various duties are as follows:—

Housing:

Defects	127
Overcrowding	4
Improvement Grants	7
Miscellaneous	23

Public Health:

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Number of nuisances under prevention of damage by Pests Act, 1949	378
Number of other Pest nuisances	150
Total number of Statutory Notices served	—
Total number of Statutory Notices complied with	—
Total number of Informal Notices served	49
Total number of Informal Notices complied with	46

HOUSING

Housing List

The number on the housing list at the end of the year was 180.

Rent Act, 1957

One certificate of Disrepair was cancelled under the above Act during the year.

Unfit Houses

During 1967 one family was rehoused by the Council from a property included in the slum clearance list.

The following table shows the position at the end of 1967.

Number of houses	demolished	10
" " "	with Undertakings accepted vacant ...	19
" " "	with Undertakings accepted still occupied	7
" " "	repaired and modernised	50
" " "	remaining for attention	10
	Total	96

Overcrowding

No cases of overcrowding came to the attention of the Department during the year.

New Dwellings

During 1967, 61 houses were built by private enterprise and 11 dwellings were built by the Council.

Improvement Grants

I am indebted to the Surveyor who has kindly supplied the following information in respect of improvement grants for the year 1967.

	Discretionary grants	Standard grants
Number of applications	8	12
Number approved	8	12

MILK SUPPLY

As in previous years inspection and sampling duties have been carried out by this Council on behalf of the Surrey County Council who are responsible for issuing the necessary licences under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963/65.

ICE CREAM

In this district ice cream is sold mainly in pre-packed form and there are no manufacturers, most of the ice cream is supplied by firms with nation wide distributon.

MANUFACTURE OF SAUSAGES, PRESERVED FOOD, ETC.

There are 12 premises registered under Section 16 of the Act in respect of the manufacture of sausages preserved food, etc., and no adverse comment was called for during the year.

BAKEHOUSES

There are 3 bakehouses in the District and 11 visits of inspection were made.

GAME LICENCES

Eight shopkeepers were licenced to deal in game, the fee for which is 7/6.

MEAT

There is one licensed slaughterhouse which is under private management, and two licences were issued to slaughtermen.

A 100% inspection of animals slaughtered was maintained.

There are 13 butchers' shops in the District, all of which are kept in a satisfactory manner.

POULTRY INSPECTION

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Type of Premises	No. of Premises	No. of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 16 (Provision of wash hand basin)	No. of Premises to which Reg. 19 applies (Provision of sink)	No. of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19
Bakehouses	4	4	4	4
Butchers	13	13	13	13
Canteens	45	45	45	45
Cafes and Catering Estab.	21	21	21	21
Chemists	8	8	8	8
Clubs	12	12	12	12
Coffee and Tea	1	1	1	1
Confectioners (Flour)	11	11	11	11
Confectioners (Sugar)	19	19	18	18
Delicatessen	1	1	1	1
Fishmongers	5	5	5	5
Fruiterers & Greengrocers	14	14	14	14
Grocers and Provision Merchants	26	26	26	26
Hotels	19	19	19	19
Poulterers	14	14	14	14
Locker-freeze storage	1	1	1	1
Licensed Premises	28	28	28	28
Market Stall (W.I.)	1	1	1	1
Street Vendors	4	—	—	—

Inspections carried out under the Food Hygiene Regulations resulted in the following requirements:—

Cleaning and Redecorations	8
Renewal and repair of flooring ...	2
Drainage Repair	3
Display of Name and Address	1
Protection of Food	1
Renewal of working surfaces	1
Repair and Cleaning of W.C.	3
Provision of artificial light to W.C. ...	4
Provision of additional W.C.	1
Provision of intervening ventilated lobby between W.C. and food room ...	1
Renewal of wash hand basin	2
Provision of wash hands notices ...	2
Provision of nail brushes, soap and towel	4
Renewal of sink	2
Provision of hot water	3
Use of tongs	1

No statutory action was necessary to enforce compliance with the regulations.

During the year 17 complaints were received in connection with food. After thorough investigation each complaint was dealt with informally, warnings or advice being given as circumstances required.

SUMMARY OF SAMPLES

Article	Number of Samples	Examination	Conforming to Standard	Not Conforming to Standard
MILK :				
Untreated	6	Biological—Animal Inoculation ...	6	—
Untreated	8	Methylene Blue Test and Brucellosis ...	8	—
Ultra Heat Treated	3	Colony Count Test	3	—
Pasteurised	66	Methylene Blue and Phosphatase Tests	66	—
Sterilised	7	Turbidity Test	7	—
Ice Cream	8	Methylene Blue Reductase	8	—
WATER :				
Main Supply	16	Bacteriological	16	—
Main Supply	4	Chemical	4	—
Main Supply	24	pH	23	1
Swimming Pool	36	Bacteriological	27	9
Totals	178		168	10

ANALYSIS OF WATER SAMPLES

WEST SURREY WATER BOARD SUPPLY

Sampling point	Number of Samples	Examination	Conforming to Standard	Not Conforming to Standard
Main tap	12	Bacteriological	12	—
Main tap	4	Chemical	4	—
Main tap	13	pH	12	1
Totals	29		28	1

WEY VALLEY COMPANYS' SUPPLY

Sampling point	Number of Samples	Examination	Conforming to Standard	Not Conforming to Standard
Main tap	4	Bacteriological	4	—
Main tap	11	pH	11	—
Totals	15		15	—

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS
CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

Ante and Post-Mortem Examination of Animals

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	602	50	133	2373	1786	—
Number inspected	602	50	133	2373	1786	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci Whole carcases condemned	—	—	1	2	6	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	65	6	—	23	27	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci.	10.8	12.0	0.75	1.05	1.84	—
Tuberculosis only Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	—	—	—	—	98	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	—	—	—	—	5.47	—
Cysticerci Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	7	—	—	—	—	—
Carcase submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	2	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned.	—	—	—	—	—	—

The total weight of meat and offals condemned at the slaughterhouse during the year was:—

Due to Tuberculosis	...	874 lbs. 8 ozs.
Cysticerci	... ...	243 lbs.
Other Causes	... ...	1968 lbs. 8 ozs.
	Total	3086 lbs. 0 ozs.

RETAIL SALE INSPECTION

The following foods were condemned at retail premises as unfit for human consumption:—

Meat and Meat Products:—

	lbs.	ozs.
Frozen Meat Products	31	15
Pork sausages	30	0
Pork pies	12	0
Pigs kidneys	14	0
Boneless beef	35	0
1 tin pork luncheon meat	4	0
1 tin ham	12	0
Fish:—		
Frozen fish products	42	1
Other Foods:—		
Frozen foods	34	12
4 tins Apricots	40	0
1 tin Pineapple	6	8
3 tins Tomatoes	8	7
Total	270	11

All these foods were voluntarily surrendered to the department for disposal.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following extract is from the Annual Report under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 for the year 1967.

Three accident reports were received during the year, each case involving a fall or slip on the part of the person concerned.

	Class of premises	Number newly registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving one or more general inspection during the year
TABLE A REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS	Offices	4	50	19
	Retail shops	7	95	36
	Wholesale Shops and warehouses	—	2	1
	Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	2	16	6
	Fuel storage depots	—	1	—
	Total	13	164	62

TABLE B — Number of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises:—236.

TABLE C	Class of workplace	Number of persons employed
ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE	Offices	327
	Retail shops	475
	Wholesale departments, warehouses	14
	Catering establishments open to the public	88
	Canteens	1
	Fuel storage depots	2
	Total	907
	Total Males	397
	Total Females	510

FACTORIES ACT, 1961—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES

	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority ...	8	4	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	76	39	1	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	6	11	2	—
Totals	90	54	3	—

Cases in which defects were found:

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	1	1	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2.)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	1	1	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6.)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	2	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	4	4	—	—	—
Totals	9	8	—	—	—

Outwork (Sections 133 and 134):

Nature of Work	Section 133		Section 134			
	No. of out-workers in August required by Sec. 133 (i) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending list to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel (Making, etc.)	1	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1	—	—	—	—	—

COMPLAINTS:

691 complaints were received during the year. This number included 328 notifications in connection with rats and mice and these were dealt with under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Also in the total were 150 complaints and enquiries concerning other pests resulting in the following action:—

Treatment given	No.
Wild bees and wasps	72
Cockroaches	24
Ants	19
Flies (all types)	11
Silverfish	4
Crickets	3
Fleas/Mites	2
Others	4
Advice given:	
Squirrels	4
Sparrows	1
Pigeons	2

During the year complaints were received regarding nuisances being caused in the town centre by congregations of pigeons. Action was taken to reduce the pigeon population and 115 pigeons were destroyed.

Action was also taken to exterminate foxes at the Council's refuse tip. In all 11 earths were gassed.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

One licence for a caravan was issued this year by the Council.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

One application for a licence was received and granted.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

One application was received under the above Act and the licence was granted in respect of accommodation for cats.

PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACTS, 1928 and 1936

41 premises were licensed for the storage of petroleum spirit in respect of a total capacity of 104,306 gallons.

HACKNEY CARRIAGES

There were 12 licensed Hackney Carriages operating in the district and 17 drivers were licensed during the year.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Report for 12 months ended 31st December, 1967

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
Number of Properties in district	4818	23
Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification.	318	10
Number infested by: Rats	226	5
Mice	94	2
Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	388	11
Number infested by: Rats	28	2
Mice	12	9

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